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APPLICANT : Yasuyuki Sekine) Examiner
SERIAL NO. : 09/208,696) Collins, D.
FILED : December 10, 1998) AU 3711
FOR : Display for Game and Gaming Machine)

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(2)(b)
and/or

PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

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Petitioner hereby requests revival, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(2)(b) and/or 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), of the above-identified patent application which was abandoned for failure to respond to an Advisory Action mailed July 10, 2001 according to a Notice of Abandonment mailed August 13, 2001.

Prior to the mailing date of the Advisory Action, Applicant had forwarded a Notice of Appeal, under the certificate of mailing procedures of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)(1), to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 26, 2001 which was the expiration date of the full six-month statutory period of response set for a Final Office Action mailed December 26, 2000.

Applicant had authorized payment, from Applicant's Deposit Account, of the full three-month extension fee, pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), in a Response to Final

Office Action forwarded to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by facsimile on June 15, 2001. Applicant's facsimile machine printed a "Send Successful" for the Response to Final Office Action and accompanying Request for Extension of Time.

Applicant has also received a dated, stamped "received" postcard receipt for the Notice of Appeal from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Therefore, according to Applicant's records, a response to the Final Office Action was timely submitted prior to the expiration of the statutory period of response, as extended.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(2)(b), Applicants re-submits herewith a copy of the Notice of Appeal and a Statement of Raphael A. Monsanto to establish that the Notice of Appeal was forwarded by post on June 26, 2001 under the certificate of mailing procedure outlined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)(1).

As understood, no petition fee is required for a Certification Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(2)(b).

Nevertheless, Applicant petitions, in the alternative, for revival under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) for any inadvertent omissions that might have resulted in the holding of abandonment. In the event that revival pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) it is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-0720, in the name of Rohm & Monsanto, PLC, in the total amount of \$1,600.00 for:

- (1) the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) for filing a petition to revive an unintentionally abandoned application by a large entity (\$1,280); and
- (2) the fee for the enclosed Notice of Appeal (\$320).

Of course, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees required to comply with the rules or reinstate the present application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0720.

The entire delay in replying to the Final Office Action from its due date until the filing of the present grantable petition to revive pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), was unintentional.

Since the present application was filed subsequent to June 8, 1995, no Terminal Disclaimer is required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

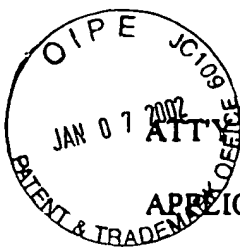
Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 31, 2001



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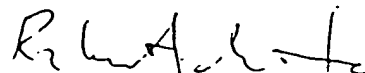
**NOTICE OF APPEAL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 191
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NOTE: A Request for Extension of Time Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) until June 26, 2001 accompanied a Response to Final Office Action transmitted by telecopier to the Examiner on June 15, 2001, and included authorization to debit the \$890 fee for a three-month extension for filing the present Appeal by a large entity to the Deposit Account No. 50-0720 in the name of Rohm & Monsanto, P.L.C. Accordingly, no additional extension fee is presently required.

An additional copy of this Notice of Appeal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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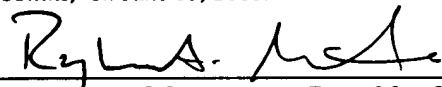
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

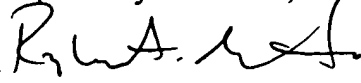
Applicant hereby requests a three- month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated December 26, 2000, for which a three period of response was set to expire on March 26, 2001. The extended period ends on June 26, 2001.

A Response to Final Office Action is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit the amount of \$890.00, corresponding to the fee for a three-month extension of time for a large entity, from Deposit Account 50-0720 in the name of Rohm & Monsanto, PLC.

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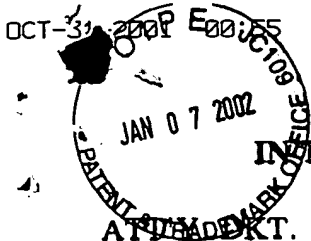
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Declaration of Raphael A. Monsanto

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Raphael A. Monsanto, being duly warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom, declares:

1. I am the patent counsel for the Applicant.
2. I make this Declaration in support of the above-referenced United States patent application.
3. On or about December 26, 2000, a Final Office Action was issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced application.
4. I prepared a Response to Final Office Action and forwarded same to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by facsimile, under certificate of mailing, on June 15, 2001. The Response to Final Office Action was accompanied by a Request for Extension of Time Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for three months extending the period of response to the Final Office Action until June 26, 2001. Annexed as Exhibit A is a copy of the first and last pages of

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the Response to Final Office Action, the Request for Extension of Time, and our facsimile receipt showing successful transfer of all 18 pages.

5. On June 26, 2001, I had a telephone conference with Examiner Collins and her supervisor Examiner Chapman. I was advised that the Response had not yet been considered, and consequently, neither a Notice of Allowance nor an Advisory Action had been issued. In view of the foregoing, I prepared and filed a Notice of Appeal in order to avoid abandonment of the application. A copy of the Notice of Appeal, bearing the Certificate of Mailing and my signature certifying to the mailing, is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

5. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the Notice of Appeal was deposited in a post office box on June 26, 2001 as certified to on the certificate of mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

6. On July 5, 2001, the stamped postcard receipt (copy annexed hereto as Exhibit C) for the Notice of Appeal was returned to my office.

17. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Dated: October 30, 2001


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a player-actuatable stop arrangement for initiating a stop of the predetermined display sequence whereby one of the plurality of symbols will be stopped on the winning line of the display portion.

12. (New) The gaming machine of claim 11, wherein the preselected one of the symbols has a special appearance that is distinguishable from the appearances of the others of the plurality of symbols.

13. (New) The gaming machine of claim 11, wherein the preselected one of the symbols has a special color that is distinguishable from the color of the others of the plurality of symbols.

14. (New) The gaming machine of claim 11, wherein the preselected one of the symbols has a special size that is distinguishable from the size of the others of the plurality of symbols.

15. (New) The gaming machine of claim 11, wherein the preselected one of the symbols is arranged to stop in response to said player-actuatable stop arrangement in a displaced relation with respect to the winning line of the display portion that is distinguishable from the displaced relation with respect to the winning line of the display portion at which the others of the plurality of symbols are stopped.

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